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I-69 Section 6 Hosts Public Meetings Feb. 23 and 25, Open House and Public-Comment Sessions Included

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 13, 2015) – The Indiana Department of Transportation announced today it will host two public meetings in the coming weeks to share information and collect public comment on the scope of an environmental-impact study being conducted for the proposed building of Interstate 69 from Martinsville to Indianapolis, known formally as Section 6.

The first meeting will take place on Feb. 23 at Center Grove High School, 2717 S. Morgantown Rd. in Greenwood. The second meeting will occur on Feb. 25 at Martinsville High School, 1360 E. Gray St. in Martinsville. Doors will open for both meetings at 5:30 p.m. with an open house session, followed by a formal presentation and public comment session in the high-school auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

The meetings will provide information about the scope of the second phase (Tier 2) of a two-part environmental-impact study that began in 1999 to determine a selected route for I-69 Section 6. The second phase, required by federal law, will study the route aligned with State Road 37, which was selected in 2004 during the first phase (Tier 1) of the environmental study. Due to the potential for significant impacts or changed conditions since 2004, this second phase may study a range of different routes.

The public may submit advance comments process prior to the hearing. Those comments can be submitted using the comment form at www.in.gov/indot/projects/i69/2463.htm, or by contacting I-69 Section 6 directly at 317-881-6408 or section6pm@indot.in.gov.

Special accommodations will be made for individuals needing auxiliary aids or services of interpreters, signers, readers, or large print. Anyone with such needs should contact Rickie Clark, INDOT's office of public involvement, at 317-232-6601, or rclark@indot.in.gov.

Should hazardous weather be forecasted, check social media at <http://facebook.com/INDOTSoutheast> and <http://twitter.com/INDOTSoutheast> to determine if a meeting has been rescheduled.

Surveying begins along S.R. 37

Property owners and motorists may see a variety of environmental field work beginning in the coming weeks along S.R. 37 between Martinsville and Indianapolis as part of the second phase of the environmental-impact study. Letters will be mailed to impacted property owners before the field work begins. Landowners are welcome to request photo identification showing the I-69 logo before surveyors enter private property.

About I-69

The new Interstate 69 between Evansville and Indianapolis is a key component to the future economic vitality of southwestern Indiana, and will connect an entire region with improved access to jobs, education and healthcare. The 142-mile I-69 corridor is divided into six sections. The first three sections opened for business in November 2012, saving motorists more than 30 minutes of travel time between Evansville and Crane. I-69 Section 4 between Crane and Bloomington is expected to open to traffic by the end of this year. I-69 Development Partners is rehabilitating and upgrading the existing State Road 37 between Bloomington and Martinsville into I-69 Section 5. For more information about the I-69 Evansville to Indianapolis project, visit www.i69indyevn.org

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